



**North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities  
and Substance Abuse Services**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Area Programs Directors  
Adult Mental Health Coordinators  
IPRS Coordinators

**FROM:** Don Willis, Chief  
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**RE:** Enrolling Individuals in the Olmstead Target Population (AMOLM)

**DATE:** February 21, 2003

This memo provides clarification on when individuals are to be enrolled in the Olmstead Target Population (AMOLM). The Division will provide each LME/area program with a clear list of those who are to be enrolled. Not every individual who has an Olmstead Assessment will be included in the IPRS Olmstead Target Population.

The Division will use the following criteria to identify individuals who are to be enrolled in the Olmstead Target Population:

- 1) the individual is discharged from a hospital unit that is being downsized or closed pursuant to the State Mental Health Plan;
- 2) the area program has received an allocation to increase community service capacity to serve those discharged from the affected units;
- 3) the discharge occurs on or after a date specified by the Division.

Individuals who have not been specifically identified by the Division are not to be enrolled in this population group. To date, only those individuals discharged from the Wright Program at Dorthea Dix Hospital after April 1, 2002 are to be enrolled in the Olmstead Target Population.

The Olmstead Target Population is for tracking purposes only and each individual must also be enrolled in a budgeted target population such as Severe and Persistent Mental Illness (AMSPM) or Serious Mental Illness (AMSMI).

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